

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM; AMENDING SECTION 49-417B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSFER CERTAIN MONEYS TO IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM; AMENDING SECTION 57-815, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM BY THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND TO DELETE REFERENCE TO THE IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-417B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-417B. IDAHO AGRICULTURE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2000, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section 49-402 or 49-434(1), Idaho Code, may apply for Idaho agriculture plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho agriculture plates for other vehicles may be authorized by rule of the board.

(2) In addition to the regular operating fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of the administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by warrant on a monthly basis by the state treasurer Idaho transportation department to the Idaho ag in the classroom account created by the provisions of section 57-815, Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho agriculture license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. That portion of the design which features Idaho agriculture shall be acceptable to the Food Producers of Idaho, Inc. and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including the cost of plate design, shall be paid from the ag in the classroom account.

(5) Sample Idaho agriculture plates may be purchased from the department for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway

1 account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred by warrant on a monthly
 2 basis by the Idaho transportation department to the Idaho ag in the classroom account.

3 SECTION 2. That Section 57-815, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to
 4 read as follows:

5 57-815. IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM ~~— IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM~~
 6 ~~FUND.~~ (1) There is hereby created an independent body corporate and politic to be known as
 7 Idaho ag in the classroom for the purpose of developing and presenting through the joint efforts
 8 of the United States department of agriculture, the state department of agriculture, educators
 9 at all levels, and representatives of agricultural organizations statewide and nationwide, an
 10 educational program that will provide students in kindergarten through grade twelve (12) with a
 11 better understanding of the crucial role of agriculture in all aspects of society and of how Idaho
 12 agriculture relates to the rest of the world.

13 (2) ~~There is hereby created in the state treasury the Idaho ag in the classroom fund.~~
 14 ~~Moneys in the fund~~ transferred by the Idaho transportation department to Idaho ag in the
 15 classroom pursuant to section 49-417B, Idaho Code, shall be used by Idaho ag in the classroom
 16 for the purpose of developing and presenting educational programs pursuant to subsection (1)
 17 of this section and all moneys so ~~deposited~~ transferred are hereby continuously appropriated
 18 for this purpose. ~~The state treasurer shall invest the idle moneys in the fund, and the interest~~
 19 ~~earned on such investments shall be paid to the fund.~~ The right is reserved to the state of Idaho
 20 to audit the funds of Idaho ag in the classroom at any time.

21 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to
 22 exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.